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## USDA Wildlife Services Utah Salt Lake County Urban Wildlife Assistance Program 2023

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The USDA Wildlife Services program is a Federal Agency responsible for assisting, alleviating and solving problems that occur when human and wildlife activities are in conflict with one another.

### Background:

The Salt Lake County Urban Wildlife Assistance Program was born out of an agreement with the USDA Wildlife Services and Salt Lake County Animal Services. The program is funded by the participating Salt Lake County municipalities of Bluffdale, Draper, Midvale, Millcreek, Murray, Salt Lake City, West Jordan, and unincorporated Salt Lake County (which includes the townships of Brighton, Copperton, Emigration Canyon, Kearns, Magna, and White City). This also includes unincorporated Salt Lake County. The goal is to assist homeowners and business owners as well as Salt Lake County and City Animal Services with the proper management and control of skunks and raccoons which are considered vertebrate pests in Utah and are not managed by the Utah State Department of Wildlife Resources (UDWR).

### Cities Covered by this Program:

The only jurisdictions participating in this program are:

- Bluffdale
- Draper
- Midvale
- Millcreek
- Murray
- Salt Lake City
- West Jordan
- And the Metro Townships (including unincorporated Salt Lake County) of:
  - Brighton
  - Copperton
  - Emigration Canyon
  - Kearns
  - Magna
  - White City



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This program requires homeowners and business owners to purchase a live trap and trap the skunks and raccoons which may be damaging or destroying property or posing a threat to human health and safety themselves. A limited number of loaned traps are available on a first come, first serve basis and are loaned out for a two week period. They can then call our urban office at (385-419-3405) before 8:30am and simply leave their name, number, address and trap location on the voicemail and the animal will be picked up that day free of charge. If the call is received after 8:30am we may not be able to make it to your home that business day but will make it a priority the next business day. Keep in mind that we have many calls/pick-ups per day. **This program is currently limited to skunks and raccoons. This program does not include the pickup and disposal of road kill.**

Take into consideration this is a federal program so do not trap animals over the weekends or on Federal holidays as we will not be available for pick-ups.

#### **Required Documentation:**

Prior to the first pick-up or at the time of pickup, please complete the highlighted portions of the WS FORM 12C. We cannot remove the animal until this form is signed. Please place this form in a zip lock bag and secure it on your front door or near the trap where our wildlife specialist can find it. (Do not place the form on the trap or within reach of the animal as they will likely grab and destroy it). This form allows us permission on your property.

This document needs to be signed only once for each individual property and is good for **five years** from the signed date. Subsequent visits to the same property will not need another form.

#### **Technical Assistance:**

If the residents or business owners have specific questions about how to alleviate damages posed by raccoons, skunks or any other wildlife species they can also call and leave their name, number and brief message and we will return their call at our earliest convenience, providing information, advice and techniques on how to handle each specific situation.

#### **Where to purchase a trap:**

Wire cage traps can be purchased at most Local farm/co-op stores, sporting goods stores, and many online retailers. When purchasing a trap get one large enough for an adult raccoon to fit in comfortably. A large trap size is usually 10" X 12" X 32" in size and is plenty big when trying to catch skunks. XL traps are around 15"X 15"X 42" in size and may be beneficial when trying to catch big adult raccoons.



**\*Important\***

When placing the trap, please allow for at least two sides of the trap (back and one side) to be accessible within 6-8 feet with no obstructions to allow easy access by our wildlife specialist. **This is especially important when trapping skunks.**